

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-20 and 32-36 are presented for examination. Claims 9 and 21-31 have been cancelled without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 33-36 have been added. Claims 1-8, 10, 17, 20 and 32 have been amended. The specification has been amended to reflect the reference to the related application. No new matter has been added.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith to cite the references of record in the parent Application.

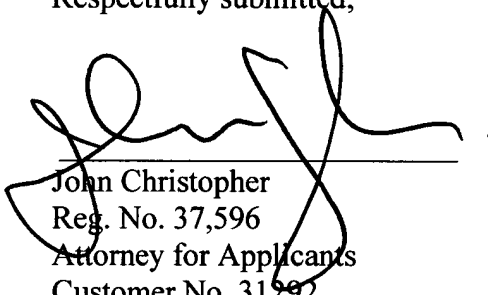
Applicants request the Examiner's approval to make minor typographical corrections to FIGS. 7 and 9. Applicants include herewith copies of FIGS. 7 and 9 with the proposed changes indicated in red along with substitute formal drawing sheets incorporating the proposed changes.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

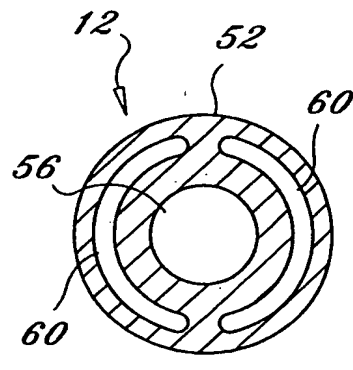
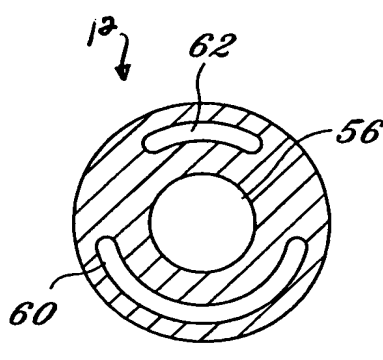
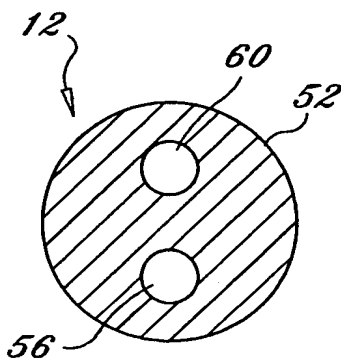
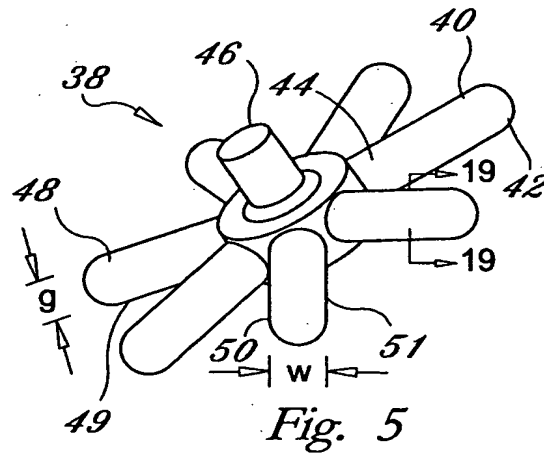
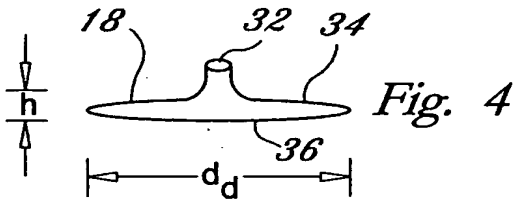
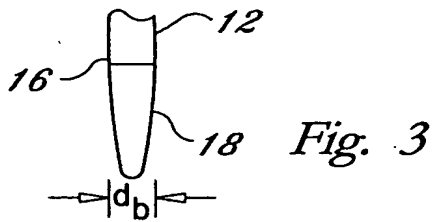
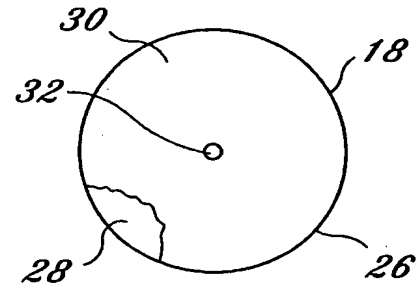
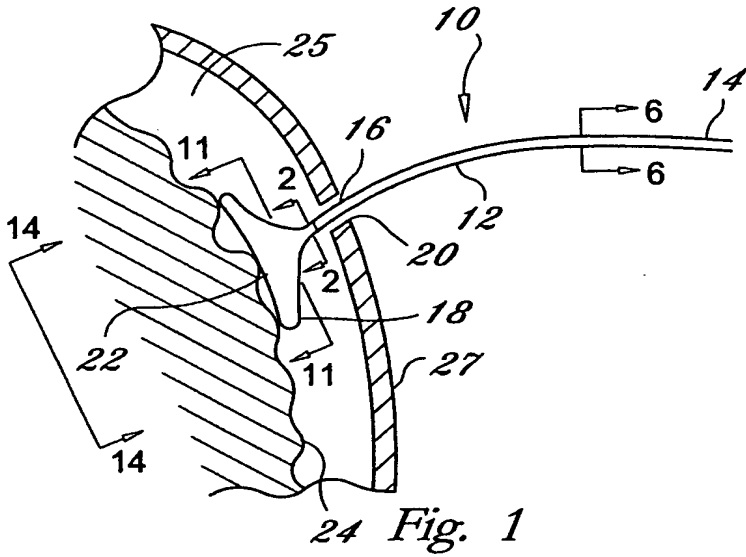
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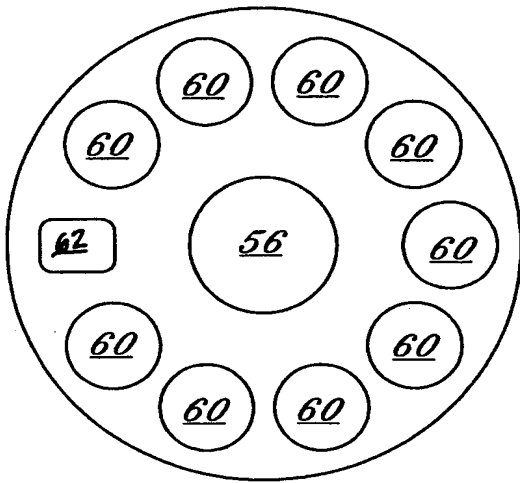


Fig. 9

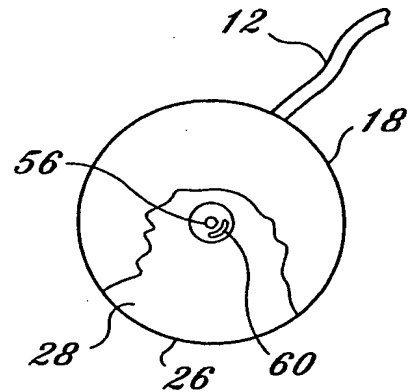


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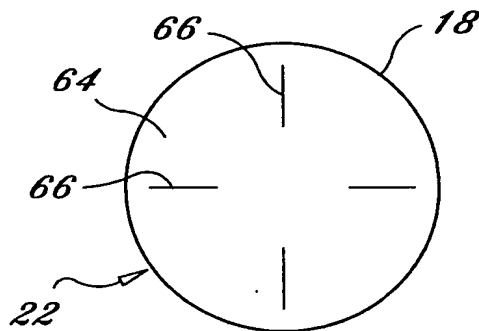


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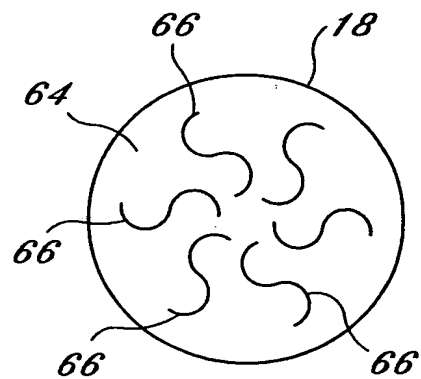


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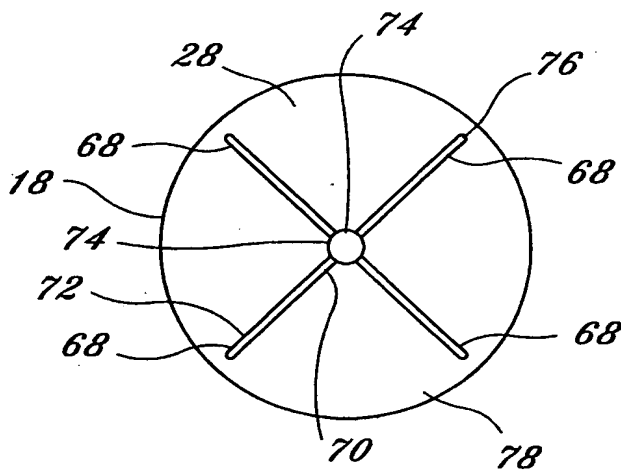


Fig. 13